

months. Next to Faison, I think he was the most popular man with the 56th. Reg't, in the Brigade. It will be hard to make the world believe that Faison could not have avoided the flank movement, but that belonged to higher heads than his. He did not pick the position. I think old Hill did it, & said the swamp was impassable. The enemy have proved it was not. They turned out to their left, (our right) several miles below Hill's picquet stands, & two traitors led them through the swamp at night. It seems very unmanly that the 25 N.C.T. when only partly surrounded should not be expected to fight, and are blameless tho' they fired not a gun before retreating, and on the other hand, that we should have not only to still hold those in check whom we [had] been driving back for 4 hours, but also, whip those from whom the 25th. had fled, by order of the Commanding General.

*From Elizabeth Hill Graham<sup>85</sup> to Susan Washington Graham*

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I send you Dr. Hines'<sup>86</sup> letter to read, he writes a very kind one, too. I also got one from Dr. G., in which he says the *Secretary of War* had treated Gov. Vance's appointment with perfect contempt, & given the place to another man, a *Lt. Colonel*, the *same* Gov. Vance recommended for him, he says he is perfectly disgusted with Richmond and the "officials." They treat all but a *Democrat* with contempt, & *never* even civil to a man who goes to them on business, are extremely rude & disagreeable. He says he would *certainly* resign if he can possibly get out of the Conscript Act. Why can't he leave as Dr. James Hughes<sup>87</sup> has, to go to practicing medicine, or don't you think Pa could get Gov. Vance to give him a temporary place, so that he could take time to study for his examination by the Medical Board. He says he would

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<sup>85</sup> Mrs. Joseph Graham (1838-1912), born Elizabeth Hill. Clark, "Graham Descendants."

<sup>86</sup> Dr. Peter Evans Hines (1828-1908), of Craven County and Raleigh, was a graduate of the university who completed his medical studies at the University of Pennsylvania. During the war he was surgeon of the Bethel Regiment and medical director of general hospitals in North Carolina. He was later president of the North Carolina Medical Association. Spencer Alumni Project; Clark, *Histories of the North Carolina Regiments*, IV, 629.

<sup>87</sup> Dr. James B. Hughes, of Craven County, who had been surgeon of the Second North Carolina Regiment. Clark, *Histories of the North Carolina Regiments*, IV, 631.